Functions of CPCs

2612. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the functions of the Consumer Protection Councils in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that many States have not set up the CPCs as mandated under Section 8A of the Consumer Protection Act;

(c) if so, how Government are impressing upon the States to set up CPCs; and

(d) the details of cases filed and disposed of by CPCs of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The objects of the Consumer Protection councils are to promote and protect the rights of the consumers.

(b) District Consumer Protection Councils as mandated through Section 8A of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, which came into force with effect from 15.3.2003, have been set up so far in 11 States/UTs whereas in 3 other States/UTs, the District Consumer Protection Councils are partly constituted.

(c) The Central Government has been impressing upon the States/UTs to establish these Consumer Protection Councils in their respective States/ UTs as it is their responsibility under the Act.

(d) The question does not arise since the consumer Protection Councils are not adjudicatory bodies in respect of consumer complaints.

Legislation for public procurements

2613. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation to regulate public procurements;